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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The total amount misappropriated was Rs. 2,013-5-9. Of this a sum of Rs. 579-3-10 was recovered from the head clerk and he was dismissed from service. The head clerk was also prosecuted and convicted in the Sessions Court and as a result a further sum of Rs. 1,650 was collected from him by way of fine. The Inspector of Agricultural offices who failed to detect the defalcation was reduced to a clerical post.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"Sir, are these the only people who are deserving of blame in this matter? I deprecate the punishment of subordinates where the heads of departments are liable."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"Order, order. There is no question of this kind."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"I prefaced it, Sir, by a question whether these were all the people concerned."

The hon. Sir T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—"The Deputy Director of Agriculture (Livestock) was also punished."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know how?"

The hon. Sir T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—"His increment for one year was stopped."

Education.

Exemption of depressed classes boys from examination fees.

* 2320 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of boys belonging to the depressed classes who appeared in each district this year and last year for the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Examination;

(*b*) how many of them were exempted from remitting examination fees in each district last year and this year owing to poverty;

(*c*) the considerations on which such exemption is granted; and

(*d*) how many non-depressed classes were exempted from paying or remitting examination fees in each district last year and this year as far as Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Examination is concerned?

A.—(*a*) The following statement gives the number of Adi-Dravida and Adi-Andhra candidates who appeared for the examination in 1925 and 1926. Similar figures for the other classes and communities included under the term 'depressed classes' are not available :—

District.	Number of candidates. 1925.	1926.
Vizagapatam	1	1
East Godavari	4	7
West Godavari	1	1
Kistna	1	2

District.	Number of candidates. 1925.	1926.
Nellore	1	...
Anantapur	...	1
Madras	1	4
South Arcot	...	2
Tanjore	2	4
Trichinopoly	2	...
Madura	1	1
Tinnevelly	...	1
South Kanara	...	1
Total ...	14	25

(*b*) The statement below shows the number of pupils belonging to the depressed classes to whom remission of examination fees was sanctioned in 1925 and 1926 :—

District.	Number of fee remissions sanctioned. 1925.	1926.
Ganjam	...	1
East Godavari	...	2
West Godavari ...	1	...
Kistna	2	4
Guntur	40	36
Nellore	3	6
Kurnool	1	1
Anantapur	...	2
Chittoor	...	2
North Arcot	...	9
Madras	...	10
South Arcot	15	...
Trichinopoly	2	...
Madura	1	2
Tinnevelly	7	5
Salem	1	...
Malabar	...	1
Total ...	73	81

(*c*) The concession is allowed to those who produce a certificate of poverty.

(*d*) The concession is not available for pupils belonging to classes other than the depressed.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" With reference to clause (*b*) I find that 154 students of the depressed classes were exempted from remitting the examination fees in 17 districts. I want to know how many of them applied on the whole."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" No information is available now."

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Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know whether any announcement was made through the Department of Labour or through the regular agency of the Educational Department to the effect that on the production of a poverty certificate, such a remission of fees will be given to the members of the depressed classes ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Wide publicity is given to the rule, by sending copies of the rules to the head of each school for publication."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" Many of them are ignorant of these rules. I want to know if the hon. the Minister for Education will kindly see that such announcement is made widely ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" If the hon. Member suggests any other method by which greater publicity could be given, I am prepared to consider it."

Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU :—" Is there anything to prevent the hon. Member Mr. R. Veerian from giving such wide publicity ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Order, order. That is not within the cognizance of the hon. Member."

Concessions to Jesuit and Mill-Hill Fathers.

* 2321 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) what and through whom inquiries were made before concessions were granted under Rule 14 of the Madras Educational Rules (1924) to Jesuit and Mill-Hill Fathers as to teacher's qualifications ;

(b) whether any inquiry was then made as to the educational qualifications of the Indian secular clergy and the pastors of the Kanarese Evangelical Missions for granting them similar concessions ;

(c) whether Government consider after due enquiry that their educational qualifications coupled with teaching training qualify them for some concessions and, if so, to what extent ; and

(d) what is the training they receive in various subjects in the seminaries and thereafter, as ordained catechists, evangelists and preachers, as well as during their course in the seminaries ?

A.—(a) The courses of studies adopted by the Societies were examined by the Director of Public Instruction.

(b) No.

(c) & (d) The question will be considered if found necessary.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Sir, with reference to clause (b), may I enquire why no enquiry was made as to the educational qualifications of the Indian secular clergy and the pastors ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The Government found it unnecessary to make such an enquiry."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Are the Government aware that a large number of secular clergy and pastors of the Mission are in charge of schools and manage schools ? "